

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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DOUGLAS WELCH,

Plaintiff,

19 **CIVIL** 3455 (NRB)

-against-

**JUDGMENT**

ROBERTO AYALA, THE TRUSTEES OF  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, THE  
TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendants.

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It is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:** That for the reasons stated in the Court's Memorandum and Order dated August 22, 2023, Defendants' motion for summary judgment is GRANTED. In sum: (i) the physical circumstances of the accident and plaintiff's conduct thereafter refutes any link between the accident and his claimed serious injuries; (ii) the medical affirmations put forth by the parties' doctors establish that the conditions for which plaintiff holds defendants responsible are degenerative, longstanding, and predate the accident; and (iii) no reasonable jury could conclude that any injuries plaintiff sustained from the accident qualify as serious injuries; accordingly, the case is closed.

**Dated:** New York, New York  
August 23, 2023

**RUBY J. KRAJICK**

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Clerk of Court

BY:



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Deputy Clerk